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with regard to members of the Rules Committee that we all made compromises, too. We had suggestions from Senator Dierks and Senator Foley and Senator Kruse and maybe one or two others, and we took those suggestions and built on them and did the best we could.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, the...I understand that. That's the way we work in here sometimes, but it is troubling to me that you are giving this power to an unelected official to make that decision, and I would be very concerned if nobody even really talked about that particular aspect of the issue during the Rules Committee discussion, and I understand that you weren't there for it all. But I see Senator Bromm is now on the floor and I guess...Senator Bromm, you are a member of the Rules Committee? What was the discussion about putting this decision-making power, if you will, I mean you might not describe it quite so broadly, but allowing the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker, to make the decision about whether there had been enough debate or not? I'm troubled by the fact that this is not an elected official we're talking about.

SENATOR BROMM: The proposal, Senator Schimek, that is put forth, the committee tried to stay as close to the existing cloture rule as possible, and the existing cloture says presiding officer, and so the committee stayed with that. There wasn't extended...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...debate about whether that should be limited to Speaker. I, myself, personally would be pretty comfortable with that, but we stayed with the history of presiding officer language, and that was pretty much the discussion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But did people remember or comment on the fact that the way we select our Lieutenant Governor changes with the next election?

SENATOR BROMM: We did not discuss that specifically.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Well, I...I think we might want to